



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

WHEREAS, many of the new jobs created in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States in the past decade have come from the creative efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, according to the U S Department of Commerce, more than 2,300 people become independent entrepreneurs daily, joining more than 20 million self-employed, that make up more than 75 percent of the nation's 26 million plus business firms nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership for 21st Century Skills identified entrepreneurial literacy skills as one of the 21st century content areas critical to success in communities and workplaces; and

WHEREAS, the National Governors Association encourages connecting education to economic growth industries, recognizing that entrepreneurship and small business creation are the growth engines of any economy; and


WHEREAS, a broad coalition of partner organizations in the Commonwealth of Virginia and throughout the United States are actively engaged in enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities through collaboration and cooperation with the national Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education; and

WHEREAS, encouraging youth to be excited about entrepreneurship, and working to expand the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of the Commonwealth of Virginia's youth and adults to be successful entrepreneurs are crucial to the long-term growth of local communities, and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, National Entrepreneurship Week provides an opportunity to focus on the innovative ways in which entrepreneurship education can bring together the core academic, technical, and problem solving skills essential for future entrepreneurs and successful workers in future workplaces;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize February 20 - 27, 2010, as **ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth